

15,000 Interviews Show American Youth Rate High In Interest

By George Gallup Jr.

American Institute of Public Opinion

Perhaps at few other times in history have the American people so craved moral and spiritual leadership as they do today. The typical citizen is searching for new heroes — heroes with character, not just charisma.

Whether or not the church in America succeeds in providing the moral and spiritual leadership so needed today depends in large measure on two key groups in the population:

(1) Those with a college background (account-

ing for about one-fourth of the population), who include a high proportion of "activists" and "opinion leaders" and who will spearhead movements in the church and in society, and

(2) Young adults in America (18 to 29 years old) who will set the tone for religion in the decade ahead and provide the nation's leadership.

The church's declining influence often has been blamed on these two groups — the college-educated and the young — yet survey evidence strongly suggests that these groups could well be in the vanguard of religious renewal in this country.

All signs point to the fact that religion is gaining a new intellectual respectability in this country. The assumption that the educated person "needs" religion less, and is more ready to discard religion as a product of ignorance and superstition, is not borne out by survey findings.

These findings, dealing with the religious beliefs and practices of persons with a college background and with those of young adults, coincide with current trends in religious thought which indicate a de-emphasis of rationalism and a growing acceptance of intuition as perhaps man's more im-

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pressive faculty.

The following survey findings reveal the levels of religious belief and practice among these two key population groups. First the college educated group.

Perhaps surprising to some, church attendance is as high — if not higher — among persons with a college background than among persons with less formal education. A very large majority also hold to the beliefs in God and in life after death, though slightly lower than the percentage for the U.S. as a

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Christian Life Seminar Urges Economic Concern

HOUSTON (BP) — A prominent tax attorney urged at national seminar here that Americans, facing tax return deadlines, critically examine their "own personal morality in dealing with the tax system."

"Certainly the impetus to private morality in taxation has not been pushed forward by the questions raised with respect to the President's tax return," said Vester T. Hughes Jr. of Dallas.

Hughes spoke on the opening day of a 3-day national seminar on Christians Confronting the Economic Crisis, sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Fortunately," Hughes declared, "none of us is required to account for the President's action, and I suggest that before our individual tax returns are due, a critical examination of our personal morality in dealing with the tax system as a useful endeavor."

He added, "Taxes by their very nature are bad in the sense they sel-

dgm have any directly productive economic aspect and they discourage economic activity and investment. Nonetheless, we have been fortunate in this country that many, if not most, people feel that tax fraud is morally reprehensible, even though there is a lessening of this view."

It has been said, Hughes added, that "where there is a free bridge and a toll bridge, patriotism does not demand that the taxpayer take the toll bridge. Nor, in my opinion, does morality demand that the taxpayer take the toll bridge."

"But there is a vast different between taking the free bridge and stealing one's way across the toll bridge," he said.

A Christian ethicist from Fort Worth, William N. Pinson Jr., challenged Christians to exert influence on the economic structure.

Pinson, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, said, "Just as there is no Christian chemistry or Christian mathematics as such, there is no Christian econo-

mics. But there should be ethical guidelines for the use of chemistry as in economics. We must forever insist that economic practice is not a separate category apart from moral considerations."

"The economic order," Pinson added, "portrays vividly how much we need one another. We are all terribly fragile, dependent on one another and vulnerable to acts of irresponsibility by others."

"Irresponsibility in a fast-moving technological world can bring tragedy to thousands — a jumbo jet crashed

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Cooper's Motion To Result In June 1 Day Of Prayer

WASHINGTON, D. C. (BP) — The North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, has called Baptists of the United States to observe Saturday, June 1, as a day of thanksgiving, penitence and prayer.

The June 1 date was chosen because it is the 200th anniversary of a prayer meeting held by members of the Virginia House of Burgesses, a significant event in the prelude to American independence, according to Sloan S. Hodges, president of the fellowship, which includes seven major Baptist bodies in the U.S.

"We call upon our Baptist people in the United States to observe a day of prayer in their congregations . . . in which we especially examine ourselves and confess in penitence our sins, and a day in which we seek God's renewed blessings upon us and our nation," says a proclamation signed by Hodges and Carl W. Tiller, secretary of the fellowship.

The proclamation suggests that each Baptist church in the United States arrange for observance of the day in such a way as best fits the situation.

Plans for the anniversary observance were initiated by the fellowship's general committee following a motion by Owein Cooper, layman and retired industrialist from Yazoo City, Miss., who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

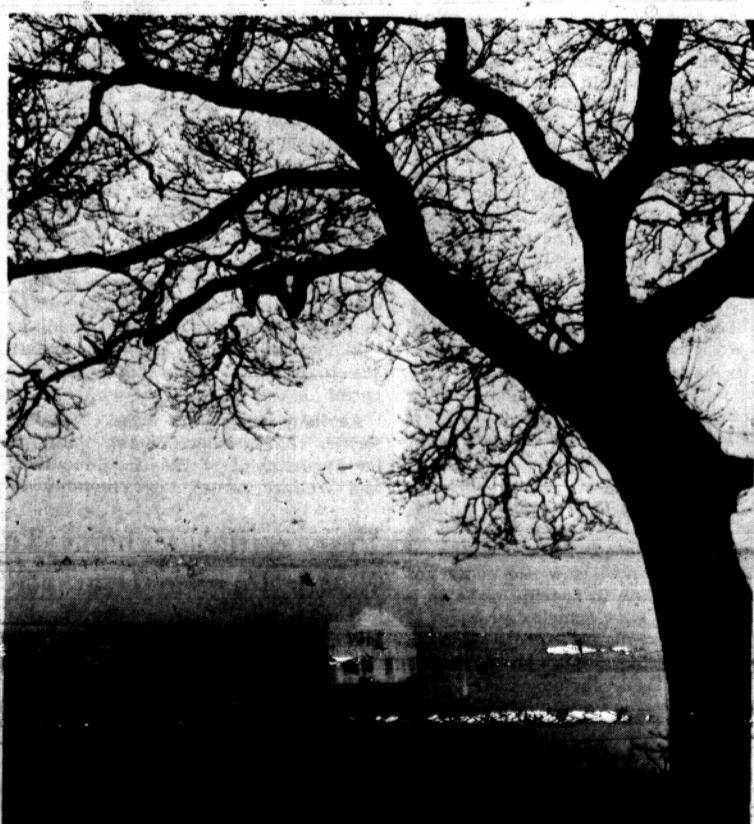
One important factor, Dr. Tiller noted, "has been the evangelistic zeal which has marked our Baptist people. Another element in our growth has been our tradition of being a comfortable fellowship for the 'humble poor'."

During the past century, he continued, "a contributing factor has also been the identification of the Baptist faith with the predominant culture of society in many places, a situation which is somewhat dissimilar from the point just made, and also a situation which is a change from a long-standing Baptist tradition."

Baptist World Alliance figures are based on statistics from 20 Baptist denominations in the United States. Those with more than a million members are the Southern Baptist (12.3 million); National Baptists, Incorporated (6.5 million); National Baptists, unincorporated (3.5 million); National Primitive Baptists (1.6 million); American Baptist Churches (1.5 million); and the Baptist Bible Fellowship (1.3 million).

At SBC In Dallas

Speakers To Be 24 Feet Tall



Misty Morning In Spring

An early morning mist envelopes a farm on Martha's Vineyard, an island off the coast of New England. (RNS Photo by Gerry Davis)

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New officers elected at the state Woman's Missionary Union last week in Starkville include, left to right: Mrs. Robert Smira, Jackson, president; Mrs. John Causey,

Corinth, recording secretary; Mrs. E. M. Kee, Woodville, Vice President; and Mrs. Joel Ray, Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary.



Four missionaries to Vietnam on program at the state WMU Convention were Mrs. James Humphries, Mrs. Herman Hayes, Herman Hayes, and Mrs. Peyton Moore.

These three women, as a trio, provided special music for each session.

WMU Convention Meets At First, Starkville

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

"When I talk with the Moslems and Hindus, they ask me about my home, my wife, my children, my job, my salary. And I ask them, 'Do you know that God loves you?'

"When I go to a Bangladesh home, I remember my motto — 'Never ask what is you are about to eat! In all things give thanks!' Missionary Tom Thurman declared that the Lord had given him a goat's stomach.

"Somehow the people are fascinated by this tall white man taking a bath. Dozens gather around the fish pond to watch." He demonstrated how he could use a sort of skirt as a shield while he bathes outdoors in the customary manner. "But as I dip the water in a pan and pour it over my head, I think that now is a good time to preach to them: 'Jesus shed his blood for you, to cleanse you from all your sin.'"

Mr. Thurman was addressing an auditoriumful of women at the state WMU Convention last week at First Church, Starkville. He was one of the several missionaries on the March 26-27 program.

To drive up the Natchez Trace in prime dogwood time would have been enough to fill my cup of joy for many days. But there was more, much more to come.

Marjean Patterson, state WMU director, had ready a spiritual feast to set before the hundreds of women from every part of the state. The variety of the missionary diet was amazing.

Missionaries to Vietnam, Uganda, Bangladesh, Mexico, Europe, Ecuador, Brazil, Liberia, Aponted, etc., eight missions: Doris Diaz, native of Guatemala, worker with the Spanish-speaking, represented WMU, SBC; Dr. Earl Kelly represented state missions; John Alexander and a panel of missionaries (J. P. Gilbert, Jim Hartfield, John Merritt) talked about the Cooperative Program at work around the world; Elie Woerner, of Louisiana and the French Bap-

tist Hour, represented home missions; women of the local church told of their work with international students and introduced students from the Ukraine and from Iraq. Mrs. J. D. Batson and Rachel DuBard, representing the newly appointed missionary, told the story of their lives, from childhood up to their present experiences during orientation at Callaway Gardens. Particularly they pointed out factors that had entered into their decision to become missionaries.

At the conclusion of this convention

Mrs. Vernon May, wife of the pastor of First Church, Louisville, retired as state WMU president after five years of most competent and satisfactory service. During a special luncheon she was given silver candelabra and a diamond-studded WMU pin. Both Mrs. May and her successor, Mrs. Robert Smira, of First Church, Jackson, have snow-white hair. And Mrs. W. E. Hannah of Clinton, Mrs. May's predecessor, also had white hair. Someone in the Birmingham

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Mission Agencies Tops In Public Relations Awards

SAN FRANCISCO (BP) — Two Southern Baptist Convention agencies, the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board, dominated the awards competition at the annual session of the Baptist Public Relations Association (BPRA) here.

In other action at the three day meeting, which explored "the dynamics of communications," outgoing BPRA president Clarence Duncan appointed special committees to study a possible BPRA study scholarship fund and to examine ways for BPRA to help with public relations job placement in the SBC.

Wesley M. Pattillo, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., succeeded Duncan as Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission as president of the organization comprised of Southern Baptist public relations professionals.

The Brotherhood Commission, led by Jim Newton with six individual awards, and Steve Wall with five individual awards, received fifteen awards, including nine first place citations and six second place ones. The

Home Mission Board won ten total awards — six first place and four runner-up.

The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., received seven awards, the third highest.

Major awards, which called for a plaque and \$50 cash prizes went to Mike Davis of the Brotherhood Commission for his total public relations program; Clarence Duncan for total development project; John Earl Seelig and Don Hepburn of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for total publications program.

Newton was cited for "best of show" in the section of the competition including ten writing and six photography categories.

Floyd Craig of the SBC Christian Life Commission also received a plaque and \$50 cash prize as the recipient of the annual Arthur Davenport Award for a total public relations project titled "Focus on Family."

Next year's BPRA meeting is set for Feb. 25-28, Williamsburg, Va.

In Religious Interest

American Youth Rate High

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College people are also somewhat less inclined than are non-college persons to believe in the devil or in hell, but belief still outweighs disbelief.

One person in four (24 per cent) among the college group describes himself as "very religious," a proportion which almost exactly matches up with the national figure.

It may be generally believed that the "mystical experience" is something that occurs among only uneducated and susceptible people in revival meetings. Yet a Gallup Poll taken a few years ago showed that as large a proportion of the college-educated as the rest of the population say they have had a mystical experience — that is, a moment of sudden insight or awakening.

These findings would seem to lend heavy support to the conclusion that religion has solid intellectual respectability and is not just something for the "masses."

The other key group to whom the church must appeal are the youth of America.

Many young people are turned off by organized religion, with the criticism frequently voiced that the church is "sterile," "outmoded," "not relevant."

In fact, a recent Gallup survey shows that among persons 18 to 24 years old who describe themselves as "very religious," as many as one-fourth say they have little or no respect for the church or for organized religion.

Yet it would be demonstrably wrong to write off youth as "non-religious." A majority (55 per cent) of young adults, 18 to 24, say they have a "great deal" or "quite a lot" of respect and confidence in the church or organized religion. Only seven per cent say "none."

In addition, most persons in this age group attest to a belief in God, heaven and other basic tenets of faith.

The religious character of American youth

stands out in bold relief when our young people are compared with the youth of other nations of the world. This is seen from a study of youth conducted in 11 nations for the Japanese government by Gallup International. Interviews were conducted in person with more than 15,000 persons, 18 to 24.

The U.S., India and Brazil, for example, have the lowest percentage of atheists (less than one per cent). The percentage is as high as 10 per cent among youth in France and 12 per cent in Sweden.

Next to youth in the Philippines, Americans are the best churchgoers. One third of youth in the U.S. said they attend church in a typical week, a higher figure than recorded in nine other nations. The percentage is lowest in France, Sweden, Japan and Yugoslavia.

In addition, far fewer young people in the U.S. than abroad say they have "no interest" in religion. About one young adult in eight (12 per cent) in the U.S. says he has no interest in religion, while the figure goes as high as 32 per cent in the United Kingdom, 41 percent in Sweden and 74 per cent in Japan.

Still further evidence of the religiousness — or religiosity — of American youth is seen in international comparisons on the question, "What one of these things (from a list of seven) do you want most in life?" A higher proportion of youth in the United States and in the Philippines say "salvation through faith" than in any of the other nine nations surveyed.

American youth are not only exceptionally religious when compared to the youth of other nations but also put a higher premium on "love and sincerity" as a goal in life and less on "money and position."

These findings would seem to indicate that the church in the U.S. has excellent raw material with which to work.

(Editor's Note: By special permission, courtesy of the Religious Public Relations Council.)

The Convention President Speaks

Recently I had two experiences that are great, in contrast, but they said a lot to me and I believe will to you.

It was my honor to sit on the platform at our City Hall recently to participate in "The Legacy of Parks Ceremony." This was a ceremony where some federal property was officially turned over to the City of Jackson, along with some other properties being turned over to the City of Senatobia and Harrison County. I gave the invocation for the occasion. At the ceremony were VIPs from Washington, D. C. and Atlanta, Georgia, along with others here in our immediate locale. Later I had lunch with the distinguished people. This was indeed a warming experience.

But in the last few days, I had another unusual experience. Within six days, I journeyed back to my native community of Plantersville twice for funerals. One was for my mother's brother and the other for her sister. Many of these people do not hold high places in government or elsewhere. Some of them are not the most highly educated in the world. As a result, most of their names never appear in the news or in public places, but they, too, are great people. They are truly the salt of the earth and the backbone of our society.

They believe in an honest day's work. They believe in genuine citizenship. They support the church of their choice.

It is my opinion that our Lord looks to and depends on all of us to get His work done and one group is just as important as the other. — David Grant.

Leland Pastor Dies In Ruston

Rev. John R. Chittom, 58, pastor of Glendale Church, Leland, died suddenly March 29 in Ruston, La.

Funeral was Mar. 30 from the Glendale Baptist Church, Leland, with Dr. Perry Claxton and Dr. J. D. Lundy officiating. Interment was in Jackson Memorial Gardens.

Survivors are: his wife, Mrs. Inez Strickland Chittom, Leland; one son, Jimmy H. Chittom, Baton Rouge, La.; two daughters, Mrs. Jim O'Brien, Indianapolis, Fla., and Mrs. Paul Sullivan, Ruston, La.; one brother T. P. Chittom, Booneville; three sisters, Mrs. F. L. Weaver and Mrs. E. F. Covington, both of Jackson, and Miss Eva Chittom, Booneville; and six grandchildren.

Correction

Because of an error in listing, the Meadowlark Church gift was credited in the Little Moon Offering report in the March 14 issue of the Record as being \$248.01. The correct figure should have been \$1,549.25.

Christian-Life Seminar

Urges Economic Concern

(Continued From Page 1) because of failure to follow safety standards, poisonous canned goods caused by shortening the process or a polluted water supply."

Pinson said churches should "first evangelize and educate people. The beginning is a changed person."

"But some insist," he said, "Christians should avoid economic issues and concentrate on converting individuals. That is an appealing position. But it fails to give any guidance as to what we are to do about economic injustices while we evangelize individuals. Nor does it speak to the problem of why so many so-called converted individuals contribute to injustice in the economic system."

"Much of the Old Testament," Pinson continued, "deals with economic issues — business and agricultural practices, work, wealth, poverty, interest, laws pertaining to trade, land, cattle and the like. The New Testament also speaks to economic matters — the proper perspective of possessions, ministry to those in need, the danger of wealth, the importance of work."

"The early Christians were urged to work to earn their own bread honestly to use their possessions to care for the poor," Pinson said. "Only through sinful selectivity in reading scriptures could one conclude that God is not interested in man's economic life."

"Salvation leads to responsibility. The Christian being made new in Jesus Christ needs to live a life of courageous love. How the child of God is to relate in specific ways to a sinful world is a complex problem. We are obligated under God to strive to bring love and justice to bear upon the economic order," Pinson said.

William Dyal Jr. of Washington described what he called a topsy-turvy world where economic laws aren't applicable anymore.

"Everything once nailed down is coming loose," said Dyal, president of the Inter-American Foundation in Washington, D. C., a \$70 million fund designed to aid economically deprived people in Central and South America.



Ron and Pat Owens

Calvary Slates Pre-Easter Services, Downtown Jackson

Special pre-Easter services will be held at the Lamar Theater in downtown Jackson daily from 12:15 p.m. until 12:45 p.m., Monday through Friday, April 8-12. Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, will preach a series of Easter messages.

Music will be provided by Ron and Patricia Owens, pictured concert artists who have presented the Christian Gospel through music in most of the United States and over 25 foreign countries. Patricia is the former Patricia Hurst of Jackson. Ron is a native of Canada and later lived in Switzerland, where his parents operate a Christian resort hotel.

Bethel have sung widely in oratories that include the classics in this field, in leading operatic roles for radio and television, on the concert stage, and as recording artists. They are especially noted for their concerts of sacred music.

This is the fourth year Calvary Church has sponsored pre-Easter services. There is no admission and no offerings will be taken. The public is invited.

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Fill 'Er Up

JERUSALEM — No, not the animal. The tank. Outside Jerusalem, farmers got a tank of gas for use in their farm machinery. By using a mule, they don't waste any gas on the trip for it. Gasoline isn't hay these days in Israel either. (RNS Photo)



The Sullivan Family

Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, Calls Glenn Sullivan

Oakhurst, Clarksdale, has called Rev. Glenn Sullivan as pastor.

Mr. Sullivan was born at Crystal Springs, and his parents still live there. He was baptized at First Church, Crystal Springs, in 1944 by Dr. Joe Odle and ordained there in 1956 by Rev. A. Estus Mason.

He graduated from Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. Between college and seminary he taught in the public schools of Oakland while serving as pastor at Tillatoba.

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R. G. Lee To Preach At First, Grenada

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of Bellevue Church, Memphis, will preach in both worship services of First Church, Grenada, on Sunday, April 7.

In the evening worship service, Dr. Lee will preach his famous sermon, "Pay Day — Someday."

Worship service times are 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Dr. John Lee Taylor is pastor.

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King Is Coming" production, wrote the script, and is chairman of the dramatic committee. Mrs. Byron Mathis, Sanctuary Choir director, has set the script to music and lyrics. Rev. James Miller, associate pastor, will serve as sermon narrator, and Buddy Mathis, evangelist, will serve as character narrator.

Accompanists for the program are:

Mrs. Annette Graham, pianist; Mrs. Ruby Higdon, organist. Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor of the church, invites the public.

Pascagoula's Calvary To Present Easter Passion Dramatic Musical

Pascagoula's Calvary church will present an Easter Passion Musical Drama on Palm Sunday, April 7, at 7:00.

Some of the live scenes to be performed, dressed in costume, are:

"The Last Supper," "Jesus In The Garden," "Roman Soldiers Taking Jesus To Court," "Pilate's Judgment Hall," "Herod's Court," "Crucifixion (men on 3-crosses)," "Burial," and "Resurrection."

Approximately 100 church members will be involved.

Mrs. Laurie Burkes, author of "The

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Marjean Patterson, right, director, Mississippi WMU, presents diamond WMU pin to Mrs. Vernon May, state president for the past five years.



Rev. and Mrs. Vernon May of Louisville admire silver candelabra presented to her from the state WMU.



Mrs. Bob Simmons of Meridian tells the exciting news that she and her husband have been approved by the Foreign Mission Board to go as missionaries to Hong Kong.



Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thurman, missionaries to Bangladesh, with their son, David, and Mr. Thurman's mother, Mrs. Jake Thurman.



New officers, front row, in front of First Church, Starkville: Mrs. Joel Ray, Mrs. E. M. Kee, Mrs. Robert Smira, and Mrs. John Causey. Back row: Mrs. Mary Lindsey, Starkville, general chairman of arrangements for the convention; and Dr. Raymond Lloyd, pastor of the host church.



Mothers (and fathers) of missionaries introduced at the convention: Front, left to right: Mrs. Martin J. Gilbert, Mrs. M. C. McDaniel, Mrs. Jake Thurman, Mrs. J. I. Rankin. Back, left to right: Mrs. Maude McFadden, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Herrington, Mrs. W. B. Alexander; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Myera, Mrs. Stanley McPhail.



Four ladies from First Church, Crystal Springs greet the executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Left to right: Mrs. Kimble Taylor, Mrs. Ray Grillot, Mrs. Janies Prewitt, Mrs. W. E. Lewis, and Dr. Earl Kelly.



First Church, Starkville, entertained program personalities and convention guests with a reception on Tuesday evening.

Woman's Missionary Convention



New missionaries, now in orientation, Mrs. J. D. Batson (to Brazil) and Rachel DuBarb (to Liberia) talk with Jim and Susie Hartfield, missionaries to Mexico.



Mrs. Joseph M. Ernest, wife of the academic vice - president, William Carey College, plays the xylophone.

The II Century, folk singing group from Blue Mountain College, presented special music. Left to right, front: Lori Dean, Ray Kirk, Susan Bell, Mrs. Bullard Jones. Back row, l to r: Martha Thomas, Robin Smith, Cindy Boyd, Mrs. Jones of Morgan City, La., was music director and soloist for the convention.

First Church, Starkville women discussed their work with international students at Mississippi State University. Left to right: Maria Daniv, of the Ukraine; Mrs. Marvin Bond; Mrs. Henry Beattie; Mrs. John Harper; Mrs. Raymond Lloyd; and Mrs. Asma'a Al-Alwan of Iraq.

Irish Radio-TV Adopts Code On Liquor Ads

DUBLIN (RNS) — Radio Telefis Eireann, the state-run radio and television service in the Irish Republic, has adopted a new code for the advertising of alcoholic beverages in an effort to de-glamorize alcohol and offset public pressures to drink.

Its move followed recent expressions of concern about the methods and effects of advertising of beverage alcohol, particularly on television.

According to a report by the Irish National Council on Alcoholism, the competitiveness in the (alcohol) trade has given rise to a quantity and variety of advertisements "which amount almost to a propaganda campaign glamorizing alcohol and exerting pressures on the public."

"Advertisements," it observed, "often closely link sports and drink, which, in the case of the young, lead them to believe than manliness and the consumption of alcohol are synonymous."

The new code is designed to insure that advertising does not encourage young people to drink, or any non-drinkers to take up the practice.

Advertisements for whiskey, gin, vodka, and other "hard" liquor will no longer be broadcast or televised. Only beer, wine, and "spirits" will be publicized.

Also banned is any linking of beverage alcohol to sports or "physical prowess," or to "sex appeal."

Speakers To Be --

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TNT Communications, Inc. of New York, which has provided similar facilities for recent national political conventions and other large meetings.

Additional equipment, including three color cameras, switching equipment, video recorders and monitors, is being provided free of charge by Taft Broadcasting Corporation of Houston.

W. G. Woody of TimeRite, Inc., a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will be coordinator and producer for the system's use at the Dallas meeting.

"This equipment will allow simple special effects to be used in flashing images on the screen," said Woody. "We can use a split-screen effect, making it possible for the messengers to see both the face of the speaker and any special visual aids he has prepared."

"In addition, there will be a character generator (writing device) for names, titles, etc., to be flashed on the screen. Words to songs, ballots and resolutions can be put up there quickly for everyone to read easily."

Woody said color slides can be used, but that motion picture film must be converted to video tape to be compatible with the system.

Convention officials expect this 1974 meeting of the convention to be "the most highly visible" meeting in the denomination's recent history.

"We feel the use of this equipment will enable us to have one of the best conventions ever," Vaught said.

Correction

The "Hernando Royal Ambassadors' Hike" reported in last week's Baptist Record as raising \$13 in pledges for the Lottie Moon Offering, actually raised \$1300.00. We regret the error.

none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved than the name of Jesus. So few people there know the truth. As Baptists, we have the greatest opportunity in Vietnam that we have had in the fourteen and half years we have been there. About tomorrow we do not know, for we cannot guarantee continuing political freedom. We do know we are free, now to preach the gospel all over South Vietnam. Vietnamese Baptist preachers cannot evangelize Vietnam by themselves. There is less than one Vietnamese Baptist preacher for every three million people. Add our Baptist missionaries and we have one Baptist preacher for every one million people."

Missionary Jerry Simon emphasized a truth that may apply to fields other than his own. "The three years in Uganda taught me to share Christ while the doors are open. Tomorrow may be too late."

The 95th state WMU Convention challenged the Mississippi woman to give — her prayers, her organizations, her children, her money, and her self.



The Revelation To Present A "Spring Splendor"

The 120-member musical group of First Church, Jackson, will present a "Spring Splendor" on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Auditorium. In past years, the choir has presented

such musicals as "Natural High," "Love," and "Show Me." This year's program is unique in that it is an all new concert, especially written for the choir by Darrell Rodman of Minneapolis, Ron Huff of Nashville. Mr. Huff is well-known for his many works, especially his "Alleluia."

The Revelation is a musical group

from 18 high schools and colleges in the Jackson area. Since its beginning in 1970, the choir has grown from 31 singers to its present membership of 120. The Revelation has taken tours to Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, Washington, D. C., New York, Connecticut, Canada, England, Germany, Switzerland and France. They have been invited to sing this June for the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, and then will go to California to present high school and church concerts.

In addition to the choir, special features will include a 12-piece band, beautiful staging by Alex Plasschart of Los Angeles, California and Pam and Paula Box, a sister-ventriloquist team from Moore, Oklahoma. The program will include fun music and such sacred favorites as "He Touched Me," "Thank You, Lord," "My Tribute" and others.

Tickets for "Spring Splendor" may be purchased from The Music Ministry - First Baptist Church - Box 1158 - Jackson, Mississippi - 39205.

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EDITORIAL

A Visit To The Holy Land-3

Is Prophecy Being Fulfilled In Palestine?

In the period between 1930 and 1950, George T. B. Davis, an active leader in a movement called "The Million Testaments Campaign," wrote several books on developments in Palestine related to Jewish people returning to that land, and spoke of the fulfillment of prophecy which was occurring in the land. Mr. Davis wrote with excitement at what he saw happening. If he was excited by what he saw then, we wonder what he would say today, when so much more has happened.

The question often is asked, "Is prophecy being fulfilled in Palestine today, in the events related to the return of the Jews and the rebuilding of that land?" Theologians disagree on the matter, and one can find strong voices on both the affirmative and the negative side. Some say that the prophecies cited in the Old Testament as the foretelling of the restoration of Israel as a nation and the rebuilding of the land, are not to be taken literally but must be understood spiritually. They say that the present return of Israel to the land and the developments there are merely political incidents in history and have nothing to do with the Bible. Others say that Israel evidently is to be restored, but that the present events are not to be construed as that event.

There are many other theologians and Bible scholars, however, who believe that there is no reason for spiritualizing the prophecies concerning Israel, and that they are to be literally fulfilled. Moreover, they say that we may be seeing those prophecies fulfilled right now. While most of them would not be dogmatic about saying that they know that present events do fulfill the prophetic foretelling, yet they do read their Bibles, see what the prophets foretold, and then look with amazement and wonder at what is happening in the land today. There can be no doubt that things which are foretold by the prophets, are actually taking place today. It is easy to believe that they may be the actual fulfillment of the events so clearly foretold.

Great hosts of careful students of the Bible long have believed that Israel must be regathered to Palestine, must live again as a nation, and must reclaim the barren lands and rebuild the waste cities. They saw all of these things foretold in Ezekiel, in Jeremiah, in Isaiah, in Deuteronomy, and in other books of the Bible. They also believed that Israel as a nation must once again

have control of Jerusalem, because of what Jesus said in Luke 21 concerning Gentile domination of the city, and the coming end of the times of the Gentiles. Whether they are fulfillment of prophecy or not, every one of these things is happening today. Let us consider some of them.

The Jews are back in their own land, as God calls it in His word. They have come back from many countries around the world. As a people who have been scattered, they have come home to the "mountains of Israel." Of course, this does not mean that all Jews have returned to Palestine, or that they will do so. Scripture prophecy does not require this. It evidently simply means that from around the world Jews will be gathered back to their own land, and that they will live as a nation again. This has happened. There are nearly 3,000,000 Jews in Israel today, making this the third largest Jewish population in countries of the world. Only the USA and the Soviet Union have more Jewish people.

Israel has become a living nation again. This happened in 1948, when Israel declared herself a nation on May 15, after the British gave up the mandate of control of the land which had been given them in 1918. Jewish people had been returning to the land and establishing homes and communities there, throughout the first half of this century and even before, and were ready to form a nation when the British pulled out. The new nation immediately was recognized by the United States and then by United Nations. Israel has been growing and strengthening her position in the world of nations since that date, and last year observed her 25th anniversary.

As one visits Israel today, he stands amazed at what has been accomplished in the land, most of it in the 25 years of the young nation's history. Where once much of the land was rocky waste and desert, now there are cities and towns, and where once there were swamps and arid soil now there are fertile fields, and thriving orchards. Whether one is on the plain of Sharon along the Mediterranean, in the great valley of Esdralon north and east of Mt. Carmel, in the broad valley above the Sea of Galilee, or in numerous other places, he is impressed by the farm lands, the abundant crops, and the spreading orchards. Mountain tops that once were barren, now are covered with young forests. Certainly not all of the land has been reclaimed, or even can be, but the young nation

is making amazing progress in what it is doing.

Even in desert areas, such as the Negev in the Southern part of the land, and in the rocky barren areas along the Dead Sea and the Red Sea, one finds the farming settlements where irrigation is transforming desolate desert into productive fields.

The rebuilding of the cities, and the building of new ones is as equally amazing. In the city of Jerusalem, especially in the western and northern areas, stand block after block of new buildings with apartments, hotels, commercial buildings, and government and institutional structures. One gazes in awe at all of the construction which has been or is being done.

Cities like Tel Aviv, Ashdod, Netanya, were little more than sandy wastes along the sea shore a few years ago, and stand today as great, modern metropolitan areas, with mile after mile of new buildings, busy streets, and growing industry and commerce. Haifa is an old city, which has grown rapidly in recent years, so that it has more than 200,000 citizens today, and is one of the industrial centers of the nation.

Modern highways cover the land, uniting the cities and towns, and splendid airports give quick access to most areas. A great water system brings water from the Galilee area and the well watered coastal plain, down to the Negev, so that the desert area is now opening useful farm and orchard lands through irrigation, and great cities such as Beersheba are rising.

Jerusalem also is under full control of the Jews, having come to that position in the 1967 war. At that time Jewish leaders said that they would never leave it again. Jesus had said in Luke 21, that the city would be "trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled." "Trodden down" evidently means to be under control of, and "this was to be" under "Gentiles" or "non-Jews." From the time Jesus spoke those words, until June 1967, the Jews had not controlled Jerusalem for one hour. At that time, it came under Israel control, and is that today.

As we think of all of these things which can be so clearly seen now, we cannot but ask, "Is not this a fulfillment of Bible prophecy?" One thing is sure, and that is that the Bible said that it would happen, and it is happening. Moreover, careful study of these Bible prophecies, reveals that they are linked with the second coming of Christ. The Jew must be back in his land, must live as a nation, must rebuild the land, and must be in control of Jerusalem, in a period just before, and related to the second coming of Christ.

If what we are seeing today is a fulfillment of prophecy, then the coming of our Lord, may not be far away. No one can know the exact time of the Lord's coming, but he did give signs, and he did say, "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28) They are happening now! Are we not foolish if we do not recognize that they may mean that his coming is near?

It should be noted that one finds an interest in the coming of the Messiah among the Jewish people in Israel. This does not mean that they are accepting Christ as the Messiah, for very few of them do that, but they are looking for the Messiah who is promised by Old Testament prophets. Many of those who are there, speak openly of him. Our guide, on the recent trip, spoke of him. I told that guide that I was looking for him too, and that I knew who he was. He did not accept my position, but he is looking for the Messiah's return.

Friends we met on the return flight, had talked to the mayor of Jerusalem while in the land, and he, too, had spoken of the coming Messiah. The belief and the expectancy seems to be in many hearts there.

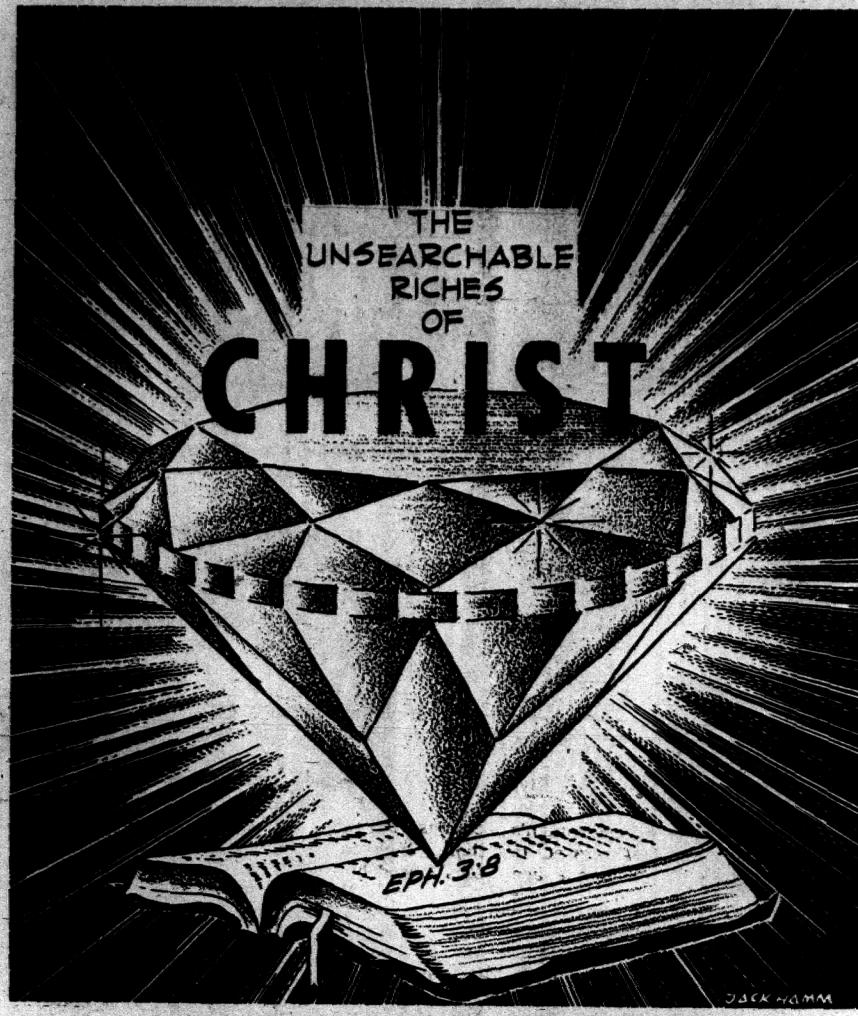
As Christians, we, too, look for Messiah, and we do know that he is the Lord Jesus Christ. His coming is the Christian hope. Today there appear to be many signs that his coming may be near, and none of them is more convincing than which has happened and is happening in Israel.

With such evidences, is it not time to be ready, and to be watching?

Now Baptist Press announces that at the recent meeting (February, 1974) of the Executive Committee, the committee "at its opening session here approved a proposal to add \$3 million in challenge funds to the previously proposed 1974-75 Cooperative Program."

The Baptist Record rejoices that these leaders of the convention have adopted this enlarged goal. It is indeed a "challenge" which Southern Baptists can easily meet, if they properly observe the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Program.

With such evidences, is it not time to be ready, and to be watching?



SAFE AND LASTING INVESTMENT

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Thank Mississippians For FMB Support Thru Cooperative Program

Dear Dr. Odle:

As one of the Mississippi members of the Foreign Mission Board I would like, through the Baptist Record, to say a word to Mississippi-Baptists. Do you feel you could assist me?

The Foreign Mission Board is deeply conscious of the continuous support it receives from Mississippi Baptists through their support of the Cooperative Program. Of our total SBC giving, approximately half goes to the work of our Board. This month by month financial support holds our line. Without it we could not survive. Mississippi Baptists have been wonderful in their Cooperative Program giving, and we would like to express our deep and fervent gratitude.

You, as one of our editors, have been constant in your undergirding of Foreign Missions. Thank you for all the news you carry, and for your editorial helpfulness.

Through you, our Board's grateful thanks is expressed to all our Mississippi churches.

W. Douglas Hudgins
President, Foreign Mission Board
4054 Eastwood Drive
Jackson, MS. 39211

Dear Dr. Odle:

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the 2538 foreign missionaries, the Foreign Mission Board staff, and the other members of the Foreign Mission Board join me in expressing our gratitude to Mississippi Baptists for their support of the Cooperative Program.

During this year of the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Cooperative Program, we are especially appreciative of the support of Mississippi Baptists of this life-line of Foreign Missions.

Throughout these five decades, the Baptists of Mississippi have given liberally and lovingly to all mission causes through the Cooperative Program. Those of us who are privileged to share in the "utmost parts of the world" dimension of our Lord's Commission want to take this means to say simply, but profoundly, THANK YOU.

John Lee Taylor, Grenada
Member, Foreign Mission Board

Church Opposes Streaking; Says Undermining Principles

Dear Sir:

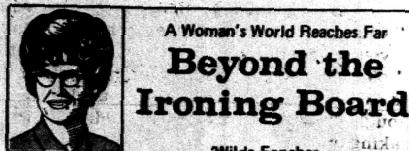
We, the members of Union Baptist Church, would like to go on record as being opposed to the "streaking" that has infested America.

We affirm that "streaking" is clearly nothing more than an undermining of the Christian principles and morals on which this nation was founded.

We believe, when other nations can clearly see the corruption in America, it is high time for the United States to do something about it. We call on the President, Congress, the Governors, and all other elected officials to put a stop to this "outburst of nudism" in public places. We furthermore ask the various news media not to publicize to the streakers as this only makes matters worse.

On the United States currency we find the words "In God We Trust," but we ask the question, "Can a nation such as ours still trust God and let streakers run rampant on our streets unprosecuted?" We think it time to stand up for God and America. "Then if my people will humble themselves and pray and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land" (II Chronicles 7:14).

Union Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss.



Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

"There's a fine old statement some father well-known guy said that goes, 'Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder.'"

To go with that, here's a statement by a not so well-known gal that goes, "Beauty may be in the eyes of the beholder, but it gets its start in his heart."

Every once in a while, you get a lift from an unexpected source, and you never quite forget it.

When we were married, some very young girls were invited to a shower for us. They were girls from a family which James had found living away across the river and had begun to bring to church. The children enjoyed "the love thy people" at the church gave them. When the time came for the shower, those children chopped cotton to earn money to go to the dime store to buy us some gifts — some for James and some for me. The gifts were an assortment of dishes which did not match. But you know, I'm sure, that no gifts were actually more beautiful to us than those — symbols of love brought at the cost of hard work.

One Friday a few weeks ago, the last day in a long-hard school week, a day which was the kind everyone has occasionally, I thought sixth period would never come. When it did, I hurried to the room where I teach sixth period — I'm a traveler — have no room of my own) and stood to wait for the class to come in. When one student came in, she handed me one daffodil vased in a Sprite bottle, saying not a word.

I put it on my desk and felt suddenly like singing the whole period long. I decided that the one-blossom arrangement was lovely enough to take home to use for a centerpiece when friends came to eat that night.

Beauty was in my eyes, but it got its start in my heart. — Box 9151, Jackson, MS., 39206.

On The MORAL SCENE...

WELFARE ROLLS SHRINK—The nation's family welfare rolls shrank in 1973 for the first time in at least 15 years, according to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. HEW recently released figures showing that 10.8 million persons received aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) during November, 1973, the latest month for which statistics are available. HEW secretary Caspar W. Weinberger attributed the decline to federal and state efforts to weed out ineligible recipients and welfare overpayments. — (The Atlanta Journal, March 7, 1974)

WASHINGTON IRVING. A sharp tongue is the only edged tool that grows sharper with constant use.

COLIN KERR: It's not what happens to you that counts but your reaction to it.

Whatever you do, do well. —Ecclesiastes 9:10 (The Living Bible)

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Cartoonist Helps Baptists To Laugh At Themselves

By John Rutledge

DALLAS (BP) — Baptist cartoonist Doug Dillard, an ordained minister, uses real people and situations as a basis for cartoon messages. If you're around him for more than a minute, you may find yourself in one of his cartoons. But be prepared to laugh at yourself if you do, because that's what Dillard intends.

The Baptist cartoonist, who directs a firm here called the "Ministry of Ideas," said he has discovered he can say things in cartoons that might get him fired if he said them from the pulpit. Dillard's firm includes public relations, church promotion, advertising, and his first love — Cartooning.

Dillard's office displays posters he has designed for evangelists, promotional material for churches and pictures of his two most famous clients, Apollo 15 astronaut James Irwin and Johnny Cash, country music artist.

Several large cardboard boxes in the corner contain copies of his book, *Meet Bro. Blotz*, a collection of church humor cartoons.

Dillard's first cartoon came from a life situation.

While minister of education at Riverside Baptist Church in San Antonio, he was having trouble with a women's Sunday School class that refused to limit its membership to one age



Doug Dillard

group. One Sunday he drew a cartoon suggesting they grade the classes by weight rather than age and posted it outside his office.

"The people would come by, look at it and break up laughing. They knew exactly who I was talking about," he said. "It didn't make them go back to their right classes, but it stopped all the fuss."

The success of that cartoon revived the interest he had as a boy in cartooning. He had set it aside when he decided to become a minister at age 15 because he didn't see any connection between cartooning and the ministry.

At Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Dillard took a course in audio visual aids and worked on a project about cartooning in which he interviewed Jack Hamm, a Christian cartoonist.

"I still didn't get the connection that I could do that until years later," he said. "After the first cartoon, I saw I could say some things in cartoons that I would have gotten fired for if I had said them in the pulpit."

Dillard showed his cartoons to editors of several denominational publications, but none agreed to print them. One year, mounting Christmas bills forced him to submit some sam-

ples to W. C. Fields, director of Baptist Press and then editor of the Baptist Program, with the idea of running a series based on one character.

"I sat at the typewriter and paused, realizing I hadn't thought of a name for the character," he said. "I pulled it out of the air. . . . Bro. Blotz."

In the years since, Bro. Blotz has been used in more than 500 church bulletins on a continuing basis, and one missionary reported he had seen Blotz used in a church in Africa. Two collections of the cartoons have been published, *Meet Bro. Blotz* and *Bro. Blotz the Builder*.

"Cartoons communicate real well to the kids, and to the kid in each of us," Dillard said.

This is his fifteenth year as a cartoonist and his fifth year of drawing editorial cartoons for the *Baptist Standard*, weekly paper of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The editorial cartoons in the *Baptist Standard* present a special challenge for his talents. "I call it creating in a straight-jacket," Dillard said. "I'm limited to the editorial topic, and it's very hard to come up with ideas."

Dillard uses the *Standard* cartoons to communicate more than most people realize. Every week he puts a hidden message in the cartoon to his daughter Debbie, a sophomore at the University of Texas in Austin, and Baptist Student Union (BSU) member.

"Usually it's 'Hi Deb' or something like that. I started the first week she was in school. When she was elected president of the freshman BSU I put in 'Congrats Prez,'" he said.

Recently he put in both a message to his daughter and one to Skylab III astronaut William R. Pogue, telling him best wishes before his space mission.

Dillard said some people are sur-

Providential Adventures In Christian Witnessing

By R. Othal Feather
Retired Professor
Southwestern Seminary

Conversational witnessing is the art of tactfully directing everyday conversations, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, from mundane to spiritual values in an effort to introduce others to Christ as their personal Savior and Lord. The following suggestions may be helpful in conversational witnessing:

1. Take the initiative in becoming acquainted if necessary.
2. Show genuine interest. Be alert to the interests of others. Be courteous, optimistic and tactful.
3. Seek some common interests such as vocations, hobbies, current events, sections of the country in which you have lived, mutual acquaintances, travel, size of family, ages and activities of children. These and other common interests may become a basis for further conversation in an effort to establish rapport.
4. Be a good listener and silently pray for the Holy Spirit's help. Expect the unexpected to happen.
5. Elaborate, naturally, on topics of common interest. Don't labor the issues.
6. If possible, relate your common interest. Don't labor the prospect for a future decision.

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6. If possible, relate your common interests to spiritual values.

7. Share your own personal testimony at the proper time, expressing your way of life before becoming a Christian, how you came to realize what Christ had done for you, your need of Him and how you responded. Always bring your testimony up-to-date by expressing what Christ means to you now.

8. Show real concern for the spiritual needs of the one with whom you are conversing.

9. Try to determine the prospect's attitude toward his spiritual needs.

10. Decide the next step, or steps — possibly from the following: Invite your friend to accept Christ. Use the scripture if it seems wise to do so. Pray with the prospect if it meets with his approval and can be done inconspicuously. Leave a scriptural prescription relating to his spiritual needs and assure him of your prayers and availability. Always follow-up yourself or through others, depending upon the circumstances and availability of the most logical person to continue to cultivate the prospect for a future decision.

to cartoons. "It's like a first blob of catsup," he said. "It just keeps on pouring."

"But some ideas are not too hot to handle," he said. He shuffled through the papers until he found a sketch of a Lord's Supper table that converts to a pool table. The idea never developed into a cartoon.

Pastors have to be especially careful around Dillard. When Baptist minister Buckner Fanning came to Trinity Baptist Church in San Antonio "in view of a call," he told one group he was unsure whether he would accept the pastorate and that he was reluctant to give up his work in evangelism.

Dillard overheard the minister say to a friend that he had been looking for a house and was getting acquainted with the church members so he sketched a cartoon showing Bro. Blotz at the pulpit thanking the pulpit committee for inviting him — surrounded by his suitcase and bags.

"I showed it to Buckner and it broke him up," he said.

Dillard said his ministry as a cartoonist is to be a "needle-puncher," not just to entertain.

"God help us if we can't penetrate some of these balloons," he said. "If we can learn to laugh at our mistakes and stupidities, then we can make it."

Today Is The First Day Of The Rest Of Your Life'

By Michael L. Speer

"This is a gun. Just keep walking or you're dead."

You don't argue with a man who has a gun jammed into your back. Though frozen with fear, I walked... shaking with every step.

"Please God, don't let him kill me."

I prayed.

Quickly and silently we walked into a dark parking lot between two buildings on the streets of Los Angeles. My assailant's partner ran out of the shadows. I made no effort to protest while they deftly emptied my pockets and took my wrist watch. Then the partner turned and ran.

The man with the gun stepped back to run, and I heard the crack of a pistol shot. My body spun to the right, and I struggled to keep from falling.

"My God," I cried, "You shot me!"

Blood gushed from my mouth and nose, and I began spitting out something which I was sure must be my teeth. I held my handkerchief to my mouth.

"I must find help before I pass out," I thought.

There was no pain, but I could tell from the impact that the bullet had gone into my head directly behind my left ear which was ringing violently. I was equally sure that the bullet had come out my right front cheek, but I was afraid to feel for fear that part of my face was blown away.

Thoughts raced through my mind as I ran for help. I thought of my

wife Mary and my two girls and of having to spend a long time in a hospital in Los Angeles, more than 2,000 miles away from home in Nashville, Tenn. I wondered why I had taken a walk before going to bed and who would lead the stewardship and Cooperative Program promotion meetings the next day.

There was no pain, but I was still bleeding badly. My teeth were apparently all in place, but there was a hole in the roof of my mouth.

Even so, I had a strong feeling of assurance that nothing was wrong. I remembered the scripture that had meant so much to me when I was flying in the Navy, Psalm 139: 7-10: "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me" (KJV).

I knew even then that I was in the right hand of God.

Three men were standing in the middle of the next block. Crossing the street, I ran up to them. "Can you please help me?" I begged, "I've been shot."

One of the men ran across the street to a bar and asked the bartender to call the police and an ambulance.

They arrived quickly and rushed me to a hospital.

Hospital personnel stuffed gauze in

my mouth to stop the bleeding and gave me glucose. An attendant looked me over briefly and sent me for X-rays. No one said how badly I might be hurt.

The doctor who was supposed to be on duty could not be found, and I lay for nearly eight hours in a hall of the emergency area, waiting. The night seemed an eternity, and I relived the events of the day.

Now more than 2,000 miles from home, a man had decided that my life was worthless and had tried to end it.

I lay in the ward the rest of the day waiting until I knew my wife would be home from work. I had asked that no one notify her of the accident — I wanted to do that myself.

I had walked about two blocks when I heard footsteps behind me and those unforgettable words.

The next morning a doctor told me that the bullet had entered the left side of my head just behind the ear lobe. It had grazed my ear canal, missed my jugular vein by a fraction of an inch, passed over the roots of my teeth, under my sinus cavities, and ripped through the roof of my mouth.

Apparently the small-caliber bullet had shattered when it passed through the roof of my mouth, and I had spit most of it out. One small fragment came out my right cheek, leaving only a small hole.

The doctors called it a miracle. They only had to give me an antibiotic to keep down infection. I had no pain, no stitches, no bandages, and it left no scars.

After the examination I was placed

in a ward for observation with 11 other persons, mostly Indians. No one knew me — no one seemed to care. I was just another nameless face.

For the first time in my life I tasted the flavor of loneliness. All my life I had been surrounded by people who loved me, who thought I was of some worth.

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How do you tell your wife that you've been shot through the head but that you're all right? The fact that I was calling was the only assurance she had that I was being truthful.

The next morning I checked out of the hospital, took a hot shower, shaved, packed my bags, and left for the airport to catch a plane back home.

A crowd of friends were waiting at the airport — my wife, Mary, and two daughters Melinda and Marie, and my best friend, Brooks Faulkner. As my feet touched the ground, arms went around me from every direction; hands and fingers slipped into mine.

The taste of loneliness dissolved. Once again people knew me and loved me, and for the first time throughout the ordeal, I cried.

On the way home I learned that on

the morning after my accident, a local frame shop had called Brooks to tell him that a poster he was having framed for me was ready. He picked it up and took it to my office as a surprise, not knowing what had happened to me the night before.

That poster now occupies a prominent place on my office wall, but even if it were not there I could never forget the words. They are etched indelibly on my mind:

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life."

NOTE: Michael L. Speer, associate executive director and director of Cooperative Program promotion for the SBC Stewardship Commission, prepared this statement for *World Mission Journal*.

seamen are highly educated, skilled workers and most of them are shy and uneasy about being in a foreign port.

"They have more to fear from us than we have to fear from them," he said.

The seamen often are invited to visit the homes of center volunteers and to attend church services.

"What they like best is to be invited into homes," Buie said. "They are lonely men."

Some 99 per cent of the seamen are internationals, Buie said, and present a barrier to communication, even to a simple invitation to come to the center.

Buie solved part of the problem at an international student conference at Alexandria last year where he got as many foreign students as he could to tape in their own language invitations to attend the center. Now when one of the center volunteers walks on board a German ship he can "sprechen sie Deutsch" via tape recorder.

Some persons at first are reluctant to go on board the ships, Buie said, "but once they go and meet these men you can't hold them back. One good evening here at the center and they usually are committed to the ministry."

His best volunteers are former seamen or Navy men who know what life is like aboard ship and remember the loneliness of being far away from home.

The ministry offers the men — some are women, too, since many of the seamen are women — not only the opportunity to share the gospel but also to make international friendships.

It also provides them some unique experiences. Some of the center volunteers last year got the opportunity to board a Russian ship in the port to pick up grain exports.

"They had difficulty explaining to the Russians what a church was," Buie said.

80,000 Merchant Seamen Are Missionary's Flock

The Seamen's Center offers the biggest challenge, however. Buie directs the center with the assistance of 24 teams of volunteers from 45 Judson Baptist Association churches.

Outreach to the seamen — some 30,400 crewmen on each of the 1,200 ships that dock there annually — was begun in 1968 by two laymen, Ben Wilkinson and F. D. Sylvest. They challenged Judson Association Baptist Men's organizations to take the gospel to the seamen.

Many of the men who come in on the ships work for very meager wages," Buie said. "They cannot afford the expense of recreation ashore. Many also find it difficult to adjust to the unfamiliar language, place and customs. And some are lonely and have problems. Above all, they need Christ as Savior."

In 1968 John Vandercook, another former Mississippian, home missionary and director of the Seamen's Service at New Orleans, challenged Baton Rouge Baptists to reach out to the seamen. That fall funds were provided to rent a building, and a seamen's center committee was formed.

Buie has been director of the center since November, 1972. Last year the association leased 1.2 acres from the port authority and put \$53,000 into a building which is staffed by volunteers from 45 churches.

Each team does its own thing in ministering to the men. Some have traditional worship services, others emphasize singing and still others simply talk with the men or play pool or ping pong with them.

The seamen are given Bibles and



MORE THAN 80,000 SEAMEN visit Port Allen at Baton Rouge annually on some 1,200 ships. Judson Baptist Association, the Louisiana Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board cooperate in ministering to them through a Seamen's Center near the Port. The association put \$53,000 into the building which is staffed by volunteers from 45 churches. Directing the center is James Buie, right above, missionary associate, native of Natchez, distributing invitations to two seamen aboard ship. (Home Mission Board Photos)



Beacon Street Celebrates 27th Year

Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, celebrated their 27th anniversary in January, first Sunday in 1974. The pastor of the church gave a report of the beginning of the church and of the growth up to the present. Pictured left to right, front row: Mitchell Williams, Mack Alford, W. E. Ethridge, James Breland, Howard Smith, Hubert Tucker. Back row, left to right: Kenny Rea, Pastor James F. Smith, Toris Guthrie, Chairman of Deacons, C. J. Hardy. These are the active deacons for this year. The church ordained Mitchell Williams Feb. 10. They plan to start building a \$30,000 pastorum in a few days. (See "Revival Dates" column.)

Revival Dates

Northeast: Meridian: April 14 - 21; Rev. Howard Taylor, Calvary Church, Greenville, evangelist; Mrs. Linda Young, music director; Rev. Chris C. Cornelius, pastor.

Peach Creek, Sardis: youth - led revival; April 5-7; youth team from Clarke College; Billy Duncan, preacher; Wayne Faire, song leader; Melita Shoemaker, pianist; Rev. Charles Everett, pastor.

Calvary, Meridian: April 14-19; services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Lehman Strauss of Michigan, internationally known Baptist author and Bible teacher, evangelist; Eddie Nicholson of Texas, singer; Rev. Otis Seal, pastor.

Lewisburg (Rankin): April 7-12; Rev. Bobby Thompson, Highland, Vicksburg, evangelist; Wayne Buffington, singer; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Maurice F. Wicker, pastor.

Beech Street, Philadelphia: April 14-19; Rev. Billy Smith, pastor; Trinity, Memphis, evangelist; Rev. James F. Smith, pastor.

Greenville, Southside, (Washington): April 8-14; Rev. Ed Bryon of Clinton, evangelist; Tom Moak, minister of music, Jackson; week day services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services 11 and 7; Rev. Tom Espy, pastor.

REVAL RESULTS

Bethel (Lincoln): March 18-24; Roger Meek, youth pastor; revival led by Al Pike and Richard Strength, students at William Carey College; eight professions of faith; numerous rededications; Rev. Douglas Benedict, pastor.

High Hill (Nebraska): March 20-24; youth team from Clarke College; Billy Duncan, evangelist; Wayne Fair, music director; Melita Shoemaker, pianist; Donna Aaron, soloist; Debbie Roy, accordionist-evangelism teacher; two professions of faith; numerous rededications; Rev. Harold G. Wilson, pastor.

First, Terry, Feb. 17-22; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo evangelists; Rev. Glen Puckett, pastor; 18 decisions; six professions of faith; record Sunday school attendance of 323.

Hilton Terrace Church, Columbus, Ga.: March 3-8; Rev. Woodrow Hudson, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; 18 decisions; 12 professions of faith.

Calvary, Arcadia, Florida: March 10-15; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; John Kennedy, pastor; 18 decisions; 13 professions of faith.

First Church, Lake Alfred, Fla.: March 17-22; Larry Gandy, pastor; Tommy and Diane Winders of Tupelo, evangelists; seven decisions; five professions of faith.

First Church, Philadelphia: additional by letter; 8 for baptism; 11 recorded rededications; 4 dedications to life vocations; and many other unrecorded decisions; Dr. B. Gray Allison of Little Rock, evangelist; the Brad Ramsey family of Waco, in charge of music; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor.

McArthur Street Church, Pascagoula: March 31 - April 5; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Lamar Ball, pastor, First Church, Crumb, Tenn., evangelist; J. T. Hannaford, minister of music at First Church, Moss, music director; Rev. Kenna Byrd, pastor.

Calvary, Pascagoula: April 8-14; services at 7:30 p.m.; usual hours on Sunday; Dr. Vance Havner, evangelist; Rev. James Miller, music director; Mrs. Ruby Higdon, organist; Mrs. Annette Graham, pianist; Mrs. Byron Mathis, directing the Sanctuary Choir; Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor.

Arkabutla: April 5-7; youth revival; Robert Gillis and James Lewis, team from Blue Mountain College, leading; Rev. Jimmy Carr, pastor.

O'Tuckaloosa (Yalobusha): April 7-12; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Claude Howe, pastor at Bethel, evangelist; Russell Coleman, music director; Mrs. Sandra Goodwin and Mrs. Celia Hardy, accompanists; Rev. Harry Sartain, Jr., pastor.

New Zion, Braxton: April 5, 6, 7; Rev. Frank Jones, evangelist; G. W. Shorter, song leader; Rev. Bob Stewart, pastor; services Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sun. at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Prentiss (Jeff Davis): April 7 - 12; Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week - day services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Harold O'Chester, evangelist, Allendale Church, Austin, Texas; Jim Hannaford, singer; Rev. Bob Sheffield, pastor.

First, Hazlehurst: April 7 - 12; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Schuyler Batson, evangelist, Immanuel Church, Alexandria, La.; Mrs. Martha Branham, soloist, Dallas, Texas; Rev. George E. Meadows, pastor.

New Providence (Copiah): youth revival; April 5, 6, 7; Rev. Jimmy Headley, student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; 11 a.m. Sunday; Rev. David Lawrence, pastor, in charge of music; Mrs. Robert Freeman, pianist.

Sunrise (Leake): April 7 - 12; night services only, 7 p.m.; Dr. Harold Bryson, pastor of First Church, Cartage, evangelist; Mrs. Harold (Judy) Bryson, singer; Rev. H. T. Curbow, pastor.

Crowder: April 7 - 12; Sunday services at 11 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; services during week at 10:30 a.m. & 8 p.m.; Rev. J. P. Adams, pastor; West Highland, Athens, Ala., evangelist; Paul Calvert, singer; Mrs. Randy Mitchell, organist; Mrs. Harold Dean Wiggs, pianist; Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

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Support Of Every Baptist Is Asked For Baptist Youth World Conference

PORTLAND, Oregon, USA — The youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance believes that the support of every Baptist — man, woman, boy and girl — is needed for the greatest possible success of the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, to be held here July 31 - August 4, 1974.

Theo Patnaik, a citizen of India who joined the BWA staff in 1971, agrees

that not everyone of the Baptist constituency will be able to attend the BWA-sponsored event. Besides, he adds, it's primarily for young people (16 - 25 years of age), and their sponsors.

According to Patnaik, "Whether or not you will attend the conference, there are still some things every Baptist can do to help ensure success of this worldwide event for Jesus Christ:

The Greatest Story Ever Told, Will Be 2-Part Easter Holiday Presentation On TV

"The Greatest Story Ever Told," a dramatic presentation of the Christ story, will have its premiere television presentation as a two-part Easter holiday special on consecutive nights Friday, April 12, and Saturday, April 13 (in color, 9-11 p.m. N.Y.T., both nights) on the NBC Television Network. (The Friday colorcast — part one — preempts "The Girls With Something Extra," "The Brian Keith Show" and "The Dean Martin Comedy Hour"; the Saturday presentation — part two — will be on "NBC Saturday Night at the Movies.")

The religious epic features an all-star cast headed by Max Von Sydow as Jesus. Others in the cast (in alphabetical order) are Michael Anderson Jr., Carroll Baker, Ina Balin, Pat Boone, Victor Buono, Richard Conte, Joanna Dunham, Jose Ferrer, Van Heflin, Charlton Heston, Martin Landau, Angela Lansbury, Janet Margolin, David McCallum, Roddy McDowall, Dorothy McGuire, Sal Mineo, Nehemiah Persoff, Donald Pleasence, Sidney Poitier, Claude Rains, Gary Raymond, Telly Savalas, Joseph Schildkraut, Paul Stewart, John Wayne, Shelley Winters and Ed Wynn.

Also appearing in the film are members of the Inbal Dance Theater of Israel.

Based on the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, the book "The Greatest Story Ever Told" by Fulton Oursler, and writings by Henry Denker, the movie details Christ's mission on Earth and the events leading to the Crucifixion.

Film Premiere Set For Coast

Pascagoula and Gulfport have been selected for a limited engagement during April for the premiere of the motion picture TIME TO RUN: World Wide Pictures, the producers of the film, announced the appointment of Dr. Larry Drawdy as Executive Chairman and Mrs. Richard Perkins, Jr., as Co-Chairman for the Pascagoula area showings. Claiborne E. Miles is the Executive Chairman for the Gulfport area showings.

A representative of World Wide Pictures, Sherman Barnett, will be working closely with Drawdy, Perkins, Miles and the committees in preparation for the showings. According to Barnett, TIME TO RUN is a new feature - length color release from the Billy Graham Film Ministry studios. He says, "If Pascagoula and Gulfport residents planned to see only one motion picture all year, this is the one they should see."

Barnette offered this description of the film: "TIME TO RUN" is a realistic and deeply moving portrayal of the tensions created in a family where the son's values and ideologies differ from his father's. Love and communication are crippled by the impenetrable silences between them. Further confrontations develop between the young man and his girl friend when she becomes involved in the 'Jesus Movement.' The viewer encounters moments of humor, suspense and warmth throughout the film."

Drawdy and Perkins, who live in Moss Point, are associated with the First Baptist Church. Miles, who lives in Gulfport, is associated with First Baptist Church there. In preparation for the premiere, they attended a special two - day seminar.

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"3. Inform your church of the significance of this event for Baptist young people and for Baptists around the world. Tell them this is the first time the event has ever been held in the United States."

Patnaik asked that youth and church leaders write the Baptist World Alliance office in Washington (1628 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009) for brochures, registration forms, and other information.

He said that plans should be made early, especially in light of the energy crisis, for travel to and from Portland. And he noted that May 15 is the registration deadline for participants to be guaranteed hotel space.

"If you are a youth between the ages of 16-25, we are praying that God will lead you and thousands of other youths to Portland this summer," Patnaik said. "Your life could be changed through this worldwide Christian experience."

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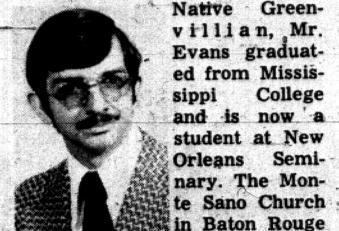
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Names In The News

Dr. David Grant, pastor of Broadmoor, Jackson, and president, Miss. Baptist Convention, is writer of "Sermon Suggestions" in the April-June issue of The Quarterly Review, published in Nashville.

Linda Hamil of Union was presented in her senior speech recital at Blue Mountain College March 28. Miss Hamil gave her own version of "WAIT UNTIL DARK," a thrilling mystery of a blind woman held captive for a period of time.

Huda Awies of Ajloun, Jordan, student at Clarke College, was guest of Star Church on Sunday, March 17. The church gave her a love offering of \$322.80 to help with tuition and other school expenses. Also they have given Miss Awies gifts of clothing and other incidentals since she arrived in the states in August, 1973. Rev. A. J. Pace is the Star pastor.



Calvary Church, Greenville, ordained Marty Evans, Jr. to the gospel ministry on March 17. Native Green villian, Mr. Evans graduated from Mississippi College and is now a student at New Orleans Seminary. The Monte Sano Church in Baton Rouge called him as pastor in February, 1974. In the ordination service Marty Evans, Sr., presented his son the Bible; William "Scooter" Spears, pastor, Bogus Church, Leland, gave the charge to the church; J. D. Lun-dy, supt. of missions, Leflore-Holmes, gave the charge to the candidate; David Mayhall, supt. of missions, Washington, read the scripture. Calvary people participating were: Sidney Ellis who led the dedication prayer; Mrs. Howard Taylor, soloist; the Church Choir under direction of Dewayne Tanton, minister of music-education, and Rev. Howard Taylor, pastor, who preached the ordination sermon.

Sherwood Church, 2201 Whispering Pines Road, Albany, Ga., broke ground for a new sanctuary on Sunday, Feb. 24. The pastor is Rev. Curtis A. Burge, who grew up in First Church, Gulfport, and was pastor at First Church, Union, before going to North Carolina and then later to Georgia.



Lewis Oswalt, a Mississippi College senior, has accepted the position of minister of music and youth for the spring and summer at Calhoun City, First Church where he also served last summer. He has served several churches in Louisiana and Mississippi during his college years, most recent being Interim minister of music and youth at Briarwood Drive, Jackson. He will begin his work in Calhoun City April 6, and will move on the church field the latter part of May. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Oswalt of Hammond, Louisiana. Rev. Charles C. Brock is pastor of First, Calhoun City.



William Carey College's "number one scholar" for 1973, Joseph McDonald (Mac) Ernest, has been accepted for graduate studies by the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson. Graduating first in a class of over 300 last May, he has been teaching this current school year in the public school system of Lucent. He plans to enter the medical school in August. His father, J. M. Ernest, Sr., is academic vice-president of William Carey College.

NEW YORK (BP)—Southern Baptists gave \$253,857 to the support of the American Bible Society during 1973, according to the society's annual report here. The largest amount given from any one denomination, the figure denotes an increase of \$20,104.98 over 1972 gifts. United Methodists ranked second in giving with \$133,528.73.

humanity? "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

The reason the death of Jesus was necessary was to tell men in action of the love of God. Jesus was the incarnate love of God. Because Jesus went the whole way and died on the cross, it means that there is literally no limit to the love of God, that there is nothing in all the universe which the love of God is not prepared to suffer for men, that there is nothing, not even the death on the cross, which the love of God will refuse to bear for man.

Two Christian Fellowship Retreats for Formerly Marrieds are being announced by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention, sponsor of the retreats. Identical programs are planned for Friday, May 31 through Saturday, June 1, at the Gulf Park College Campus, Long Beach, and for Friday, June 7, through Saturday, June 8, at the Gulf Trails Lodge, Sardis.

Dr. Pat Cledning, Minister of Counseling, Second Ponce De Leon

Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, will be the resource person at both retreats.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with a banquet and will conclude at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Cost of the banquet, registration and room (with 2 or more in a room) will be approximately \$15.00. No provision for children.

There will be a special conference period for widows and formerly marrieds who have no children, and special emphasis upon the needs of children and youth, seventeen and under.

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Devotional

"I Was Sick And Ye Visited Me"

By J. N. Triplett, Minister of Pastoral Care, First, Jackson

Ed Dunlap was janitor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, for more than forty years. He was a good man, loyal, dependable, and efficient. He earned the respect of all who knew him. Inevitably the infirmities of age took their toll. Ed was confined to his home. Much time had to be spent in bed, and he became discouraged. One of the men in our church visited him. Upon seeing this friend of many years enter the room, Ed sat up, a joyous smile on his face, and said, "I knew you would come! I knew that you would come!" Silently, the white friend thanked God that he had remembered the old janitor. In no way is this meant to encourage visiting the seriously or critically ill patients, without due regard for their condition. Help can be given a person and/or his family by demonstrating love and concern. The danger is in doing too much in an effort to make up for previous neglect of a member of a family, a neighbor, a friend, one outside of Christ. However, it is rewarding to be alert to the needs of a suffering person and the family. The result is three-fold.

1. It is pleasing to God. Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). Though he suffered hurt because of the pain of people who were troubled in mind, body, and spirit. Jesus ministered to their needs. Always he spoke the correct word of comfort, of encouragement. His very presence was because of his love. Isn't it true that when we love we are neighbor to the person in need?

2. It is pleasing to the sufferer and the family. "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). Jesus came to fulfill the law; can we do less under love? Jesus came to minister; shouldn't we aspire to greatness by being one who serves?

3. It assures the Christian's growth. "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

The art of effective visitation is learned by study and practice. Holy Writ stored in the mind, ready for use at the proper moment, is valuable indeed. If one can think of nothing to say, that is fine. Through unaware of it, an older man taught me a lesson one day. We entered the room where death had occurred. He walked over to the surviving husband, took his hand, placed his left hand on the grieved man's right shoulder, and those two men just stood there for several moments, heads bowed, but speaking not a word. They turned, walked out of the room, where the widower turned to his friend and said, "Thank you, I can make it now."

"I was sick and ye visited me."

Young Musicians To Enjoy Repeat Of Music Camp At Blue Mountain College

Youngsters now in grades four, five, and six can enjoy a music camp again this year at Blue Mountain College. The date is June 17-21.

Beginning on Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. and concluding with lunch on Friday, the week will be full of music activities, Bible study, and recreation. Guests clinicians are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wells of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Other faculty members will participate. Alvin Moore, minister of music, First Church, Philadelphia, to be camp coordinator.

Enrollment will be on a "first come" basis. Deadline for registration is May 15. Total cost for the week for each participant is \$35 and includes room, food, music packet,

and insurance. An advance registration fee of \$10 is required. The remainder of \$25 may be paid upon arrival for the camp.

The \$10 advance registration fee should be mailed by May 15, to the Business Manager, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Mississippi 38610. It is recommended that when a group from one church registers, that one leader send in the fees for the entire group, along with names, sex and grades in school. When the attendance quota is met, the registration fees will be returned.

This camp will be held simultaneously with the Jr. High Camp at Blue Mountain. It is sponsored jointly by the Music Department, Blue Moun-

tain College, Stanley Richison, Dean, and the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director.

Cigarettes — killers that travel in packs. —ARNOLD GLASOW

tain College, Stanley Richison, Dean, and the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department, Dan C. Hall, director.

A concert of sacred music was presented by guest artists, Mrs. Maurice McWhorter, assistant professor in the Department of Music at William Carey College, organist, and Mrs. Robert Ross of Hattiesburg, pianist.

During the service Cathy Curry, church organist, Minnie McKinley, church pianist and Mark Lott, member of the Sanctuary Choir, gave their testimonies. Dr. Joel Ray, superintendent of missions for Lebanon Association, led the prayer of dedication and the pastor, Rev. Leland M. Hogan, delivered the sermon.

On April 7, Hope Church will do more than have an anniversary celebration. Because this occasion will be a journey back into the past, many of the members will be attired in old-

fashioned dress, the old-time hymns will be sung, and there will even be a room set aside for antiques. "The members of the church would like to invite you to be there and participate in a unique worship experience," states Rev. Jerry Jones, pastor.

Graduate of Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, he was formerly pastor of Logtown and Pearlington Churches in Hancock County and Verona Church in Lee County.

Recently he served 11½ years as chaplain in U. S. Army with tours at Ft. Jackson, S. C.; Ft. Hamilton, N. Y.; Ft. Hood Texas; Germany, Korea, and Vietnam.

He is married to the former Joyce Clinton of Lamar County. They have two sons, Bob, 16, Todd 13, and a daughter, Nancy, 10.

Currently he is a chaplain in the U. S. Army Reserve, serving as unit chaplain of the 305th Field Hospital, Gulfport.

Recession — when the man next door to you loses his job; Depression — when you lose your job; Panic — when your wife loses her job.

—ARNOLD GLASOW

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